

# The Ansgar Lutheran

## The Church on the Front Line

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Three months ago, four tragic figures sitting in little cardboard suitcases stood on the station platform at West Berlin's Wannsee railway depot. After their train chugged away, they still stood, completely bewildered by the pace of the big city and crowds rushing in this way and that way.

They were a quartet of aged refugees who had twice lost all their worldly belongings—the first time when they were forced to flee from their farms in Hungary in 1945, and now again, when they fled to West Berlin from East Germany.

The old folks wanted to go to their children in West Germany, but at the moment their mountain-like unsolved problem was what to do first to get there, now that they had arrived in West Berlin.

One of the Evangelical Church's railway mission workers saw them stranded on the platform and offered to lead the way to the mission barracks around the corner. Here, they were befriended, sheltered and fed. Their hosts knew that little people like them could never be able to cope with crowds, traffic and confusion of the big city. Someone had to show them the way.

So volunteer helpers from the Church accompanied them on all the trips to the Berlin refugee offices, they interceded for them at the various desks, they persuaded the officials to let them fly to West Germany, even though their children live there in very primitive circumstances.

For three long months, the railway mission at Berlin-Wannsee was their home. Their smiling faces became familiar to me, and I know that I shall be seeing them at my next visit to the mission barracks.

But not until today did I stop to realize just how much the Church meant to them, how much you helped keep them there and to provide for them during those three months—90

days, three meals a day—a total of 1,080 important meals!

Each time a person is given a meal at the Church railway mission in Berlin-Wannsee, he sees a sign on the wall which says: "Diese Spende Verdanken Wir den Evangelischen-Lutherischen Weltkirchen." (We are grateful to the Evangelical Lutheran Churches of the World for this gift).

Can you imagine what this sign means to a person who has just fled to safety, hungry and tired?

Berlin-Wannsee is the first railway stop in West Berlin's American Sector. Adjacent to the station is the wooden barrack-building which houses the Bahnhofsmisson. It is open day and night. All night long, a light from the tiny office window shines out into the darkness, lighting the way for weary, wandering refugees.

I love to go to the Bahnhofsmisson at night, and to be in the office with the social worker when a tired traveler comes in. It thrills me to hear him heave a sigh of relief, as much as to say, "Well, I made it. I'm safe now." I enjoy watching the faces of refugees as they present their identification cards to the social workers.

A peculiar feeling comes over me when the social worker looks at a man and says, "Our 75 beds have been filled since before 9 o'clock tonight. In the men's section, there is no more space, even on the floor. In the middle room, every chair has a person sitting on it, and several persons are lying on the tables. Do you suppose you could spend the night sitting on a wooden crate?"

Could he? Of course, he could! A more grateful look could not have come over his face if she had offered him a room in the finest hotel in Berlin!

Before he settled down on his crate, he was ushered into the kitchen-dining room of the barracks. There he ate a bowl of good hot soup. As he mouthed

each spoonful, his eyes wandered up to the sign. He didn't say a thing. Neither did we. It wasn't necessary.

Every day and night they come—those who are fleeing from oppression; those who seek for room and have found none; those who ran away from home and need counsel; those who are old and helpless in the big city. No one is refused, everyone finds open, sympathetic ears ready to listen to his problems. Each one finds the initial impetus of aid to start him anew in the right direction in this bewilderingly new Western world.

During the first six months of 1953, the Berlin-Wannsee Bahnhofsmisson, which has but 75 beds (double-deckers), gave assistance of one kind or another (clothing, food, lodging, money, medicine, counselling) to 61,634 persons, among whom were 12,264 children. It served 61,376 hot meals and distributed 53,230 portions of bread. Each of the 61,376 hungry refugees who received a hot meal saw the sign indicating who had provided the food. I know that each one became conscious of the fact that Christian charity still exists, and that brotherly love for a neighbor in distress is not dead.

But Berlin is a big city. The railway station mission at Berlin-Wannsee with its 75 beds could not begin to master the problem of extending that emergency aid to all the refugees stranded in West Berlin. Its sister Bahnhofsmissonen throughout Berlin also help. All put their shoulders to the wheel; all recruit volunteer church helpers to assist the regular staff. Only in this way could they handle the almost unbelievable number of 209,739 individuals in six months, serve 114,088 hot meals and give out 183,876 portions of bread. Only in this way could they provide 8,083 persons with the most necessary clothing.

The Bahnhofsmisson is one phase of the work which the Protestant Church of Berlin does in meeting the needs of perplexed travellers stranded on the boundary between East and West. This is a very important phase, because it is the first contact—a contact which is

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## News and Notes

**Dr. and Mrs. Inadomi** will be among us after November 15th. Their itinerary is found in the last Youth Edition of this paper. Please note it carefully. No other notice will be given you.

J. P. Nielsen,  
On behalf of the Japan  
Mission Committee

### LBI Eastern Extension Adds 2 New Teachers

Teaneck, N. J.—Two new faculty members have been added to the teaching staff of the Lutheran Bible Institute here. They are the Rev. Theodore W. Makkestad and the Rev. L. Henry Nielsen, both pastors of the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

The LBI Eastern Extension, located at 7 Pomander Walk, Teaneck, offers regular day school sessions as well as evening classes and correspondence courses in Bible study. Evening classes are also being offered this fall at Trinity Lutheran Church (ELC), Valley Stream, L. I., N. Y.

Some 45 resident students from seven Lutheran synodical groups and from eight Eastern states are registered for the fall quarter at the Institute. The Rev. C. O. Granlund is dean of the Eastern Extension, with the Rev. Edward A. Hansen serving as principal of the day school.

**Mrs. C. C. Mengers**, wife of Pastor C. C. Mengers, passed away Sept. 12. We shall later print an obituary. She was the wife of our oldest living pastor.

**Our Trip to Churchill, Manitoba, Canada**, has created considerable interest. We have been invited to speak about it several places. This has made us delay in writing about the trip. The fact that it interests our people so much has caused us to do a better job of writing about it than we had intended to. After a while our trip will appear.

**Westbrook, Maine.** Trinity Lutheran Church is at present adding an extension to their church, 12x58 feet. It will provide for six Sunday School rooms and an office. It will add more

space to the church and the kitchen. Rev. Elmer W. Anderson is pastor of the church.

### ILLINOIS W.M.S. By Kathryn Loesch

The Sixteenth Annual Meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of the Illinois District was held Sept. 18, 1953 in Emmaus Lutheran Church, McNabb, Illinois. Mrs. Oliver Rasmussen, president presided. Roll call showed all societies were represented. The Zion Missionary Society of Clifton were welcomed, making seventeen societies in the District W.M.S.

Project Chairman reported all last years projects completed, leaving a balance of \$53.00. Enough to make \$100.00 will be added to this and sent to a foreign mission to educate a Bible Teacher.

This year the three-fold project consists of helping with the salary of the Parish Worker in our Detroit Mission, giving support to the Bible Camp and sending a gift of food to the Jacobsen Children.

A nominee is being sent to the nominating committee at the Synodical Convention. The nominee elected—Mrs. Donald Hagen, Chicago. Alternate Mrs. Axel Andersen, Webster Groves, Mo.

Officers were elected as follows:  
Vice President—Mrs. Carl Christiansen, Trufant, Michigan  
Treasurer—Mrs. Harry Nelson, Greenville, Michigan.

Mr. R. A. Gustafson, Executive Director of the Lutheran Home Finding Society of Illinois was the speaker of the evening services. The Junior and Sunshine Choirs of Clifton, Illinois furnished the music.

The W.M.S. half of the evening offering was divided equally between the Lutheran Home Finding Society and Japan Mission.

All were invited to the church dining hall by the local Ladies Aid for coffee and an hour of fellowship.

The prayer of our President, that God richly bless our efforts, that we broaden our work for the Lord, and serve him with gladness was answered.

### Danish Church Abroad to Extend Work in Canada.

According to Kr. Dagbl. of August 25, the Danish Church Abroad has decided to send a pastor from Denmark to work among Danes in the Province of Ontario. He is to be stationed in London, Ontario. It is also planned to send one more pastor to Canada, but the place of work has not been published.

The Danish Church Abroad is an organization in Denmark which tries to provide church services for Danes who have migrated to other countries. To present this organization maintain pastors in Vancouver, B. C., Edmonton, Alberta, and at St. John, N. B.

When this organization started work in Canada a number of years ago we hoped that a spirit of cooperation might have been developed. But the pastors from Denmark have generally held themselves aloof from our work. The leaders in Denmark could tend that we are opposed to their work. But this is a misunderstanding. We have constantly asked for cooperation. We have asked that their work among the immigrants be conducted on the basis of all other church work in the United States and Canada. We believe this is the only healthy way of doing it.

We believe that for the good of the immigrants and the Lutheran Church in Canada any work that the Danish Church Abroad does should be done in cooperation with the existing churches of Danish background in Canada.

We are rather surprised that the leaders in Denmark don't want to do this. After all we have had such many visit the country as Bishop Haug, Fuglsang-Damgaard, Pastor Nede mark and others. We should think they would understand the situation. The early Lutheran history of both the United States and Canada proves that we have a good reason for our view. And since we are Lutherans of the same background why not work together for the good of both the people and the church?

But having said this we certainly want to say also, that any good work (Continued on page 6)

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# Editorials and Comments

## National Lutheran Editors and Managers Meet

Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, Mo., was the site of the forty-first annual convention of the National Lutheran Editors and Managers Association, Sept. 23-24. The annual meetings are real treats to the editors, who gather together to hear reports and papers pertaining to their work. It affords them a good opportunity to discuss mutual problems, and the fellowship enjoyed at these annual meetings has helped much to create good understanding among the different Lutheran groups.

It is well known that we do not have the fellowship of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, that we have with the other groups, yet it should be noted that the members of the Missouri Synod are members of the Editorial Association, and they take their turn as hosts of the annual meetings. The last time we were at St. Louis was in 1945. There are eight publishing houses that are off being hosts.

As remarked to some of the professors at St. Louis, they were such swell fellows, and we all felt right at home, therefore it is too bad that we do not enjoy a greater church fellowship that we do. We cannot believe that someday we shall be united also with the Missouri brethren.

Our readers may be interested in some of the topics discussed. Here are the subjects. The Christian's Relation to the State; TV and Religion; A Missouri Lutheran Looks at the Lutheran Unity Movement; English and American Hymns in the New Hymnal; European Lutheranism; and Use of Local Supplements in Church Papers. At the annual dinner Dr. Piepkorn spoke about the Lutheran Church and Art, especially with emphasis on the Lutheran Church in America.

The Missouri Synod has a magnificent theological library with about 800 students at St. Louis. Its radio program is serving the church well.

The TV program of the Missouri Synod certainly can be admired. The program, "This Is the Life" is now broadcast from 134 of the 166 TV stations which are located in the United States.

The new officers elected for the Editors Association are: Editor E. E. Ryden, President, Editor Edw. W. Hamm, Vice President, Editor Albert P. Stauderman, Secretary.

## How To Combat Communism?

In **Over The Bridge** we offer this quotation. We quote it from *The World Christian Digest*, which heads off with these words: A Toothless Democracy. Here is the quotation:

One other evening in "Any Questions," Ralph Whiteman drew an arrow at a target and scored a direct hit. The question concerned Communism. How best can we meet the threat? By superior force of atomic armaments? By the totalitarianism? Or by the only comparable force in the realm of ideologies, the Christian faith? Not the so-called faith of the various vitiated counterfeits but the way of the Cross and the power of Love as Jesus lived and pro-

claimed them. The force of an idea derives in part from its total demands. Mr. Whiteman drove the point home with a text: "Whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath he cannot be my disciple." (Luke 14:33).

Communism has made those total demands. Democracy is on trial for its life because it no longer believes anything capable of evoking the total response of a man's will, reason and emotions. By a steady process of attrition, we have removed the Christian bases of democracy, added a superstructure of centralized controls almost as paralyzing as the Soviet's model, and called the result "our democratic way of life." In short, we have drawn the teeth of democracy.

What in fact do we proclaim in place of Marxist Communism? If we must conclude that Communism is almost wholly evil in its end products, if not in its methods, we are morally bound to offer an alternative; a true God for a false god.

## From the Editor to the Pastors of the Synod

It takes time to write letters, and we should write a number of letters to you, in order to get your cooperation with articles that may be of value to the readers of this paper. But we cannot spend too much time at the editorial desk. We have a church to look after, old people to see, and new members to train just as you have.

The editorial work must be done in between these different things.

Will you not favor me with articles of all sorts. Articles that you think should be written. Extracts of your own sermons and addresses. Suggestions and ideas are also welcome.

The paper could be much better if you would think about these things and help the editor. Two articles a year from each pastor would mean close to 300 original articles a year from our own men.

## A Sentence to Church

The penalty inflicted on drunken drivers in Mesa, Arizona, will be the choice of spending ten days in jail or ten Sundays in Church. Jack Humsaker, Justice of the Peace, in announcing this said that the idea had come to him after realizing that jail sentences were not reducing drunken driving and were proving a hardship on the wives and children. "Maybe," he said, "ten Sundays in Church will do it." A local minister commenting on the idea said, "While we don't want to give the idea that going to Church is a punishment I feel that attendance for ten Sundays is bound to do some good."

## Another Kind of Flood

"The seas have flooded Holland, Belgium and Britain and the Churches responded instantly," says a Emergency Communique issued by the World Council of Churches Service to Refugees, "but do not forget—streams, not of water, but of desperate people are at this moment overwhelming the crisis centers of the world and these men, women and children have no homes."

It then lists the following desperate facts concerning refugees—Berlin—until recently over 1,000 a day coming from the Eastern zone.

West Europe—over 15,000 found new homes in 1952. Thou-

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# Patriarch of American Lutheranism

Christ needs "not only undershepherds but also sheep dogs, which must by their barking round up the sheep." Henry Melchoir Muhlenberg regarded himself as one of those "sheep dogs" rounding up the people in early America. "I myself have barked these forty years past in America and have brought some little flocks together." Interesting parts of the story of Muhlenberg are told here by one of his direct descendants—Dr. J. H. Bennetch.

A little more than two hundred years ago, one solitary man from Germany reached the New World. His call as a Lutheran pastor was to serve three congregations of Pennsylvania, in and near Philadelphia. The people of his parish he found sadly neglected, scattered, without church buildings or regular organization, and at the mercy of ministers, falsely so called.

Only thirty-one years old and unmarried, what could an immigrant expect from the dark situation? Marvelous to say, however, the next forty-five years of this man's life were so well spent that by divine grace Henry Melchoir Muhlenberg won the title "Patriarch of the Lutheran Church in America."

Born on September 6, 1711, at Eimbeck, Hanover, of a noble family that had lost its title and property in the wars of two preceding centuries, Muhlenberg inherited from the past the organizing ability of the North Germans as well as the dignified and courteous bearing known to the higher classes. Any pride still lingering in the youth was checked by need of earning a livelihood at an early age. Though school was interrupted, all the time at his command went into study. When future associates were already in the Lord's work, Muhlenberg was still occupied with elementary material, forcing his way through a full course of ministerial preparation because he would not think of pleading his years as an excuse for less. A theological course was finished at Halle after three years previously at the universities of Göttingen and Jena. From Halle he was selected to go as a missionary to India. But funds never permitted, and in two more years the call had arrived from Pennsylvania.

Theodore Tappert and John Doberstein, the Mt. Airy Seminary professors who translated Muhlenberg's extant journals not long ago, give as their reasoned opinion of the man; "Although he was not uninfluenced by the religious cant and extravagances of his

time, he was a man of profound and genuine piety. Although his judgments of his contemporaries were not infallible and not always above reproach, he had a real understanding of people and was skillful in his dealings with them. Although he was neither an outstanding preacher nor a theologian, he had a thorough knowledge of the Scriptures and possessed an amazing talent for citing texts and applying them to specific situations. By temperament he was somewhat timid, and yet he was an aggressive evangelist. There was a fundamental restlessness and instability in his nature, and yet he was an uncommonly capable organizer and administrator." All of which adds up to the fact that the newcomer to Philadelphia was flesh and blood, but the grace of God made a difference with him.

The account of Muhlenberg's life to the year 1733 is not found in the original manuscripts of the diaries, though it can be supplied from a revision prepared by the writer in 1782. As a short preface to the revision, the following testimony came from this patriarch: "Observations upon how God's love, goodness, mercy, longsuffering, patience, and forbearance were manifested for the sake of Christ the Saviour of the world, toward one condemnable sinner up to the seventieth year of his life."

"In Halle on September 6," the journal says of his call to America, "I was invited to a meal by the Rev. Dr. Francke. Before we sat down, the Doctor offered me a call to the Lutheran people in the province of Pennsylvania, adding that I could accept it on trial for a few years. The poor folks there had been petitioning urgently for this for several years. Because for my part I knew well that I am the servant of the Lord, I could not answer otherwise than that it was all one to me if it was the Lord's will, because a servant depends upon the will of his Lord. I was advised to go to my own folks and discuss the matter with them."

A beautiful letter of Muhlenberg's, written March 23, 1785, has been preserved in the great collection of Muhlenbergiana at Mt. Airy Lutheran Seminary, Philadelphia. The aging father was offering advice to his son in the ministry, Henry Ernest. Under the clever guise of some paternal reminiscence, he wrote: 'Oratio, Meditatio et Tentatio faciunt Theologum (Latin for 'Preaching, pondering and practice

make the minister')," said Br. Luther. The sainted Arndt said: 'Christ the Lord has many servants but few followers.' . . . I too have only a servant and no true follower. The blessed 24th Count Reus once said: 'Our Lord Jesus, the head shepherd, needs not only undershepherds but also sheep dogs, which must by their barking round up the sheep and on the pasture into one flock.' I myself have barked these forty years past in America and have brought some little flocks together. . . "

Just how well did Pastor Muhlenberg "bark" to achieve the fame attaching to his name? Here the following achievements ought to be noted: (1) In 1748 he organized the Lutheran synod in America. Though he remained a simple missionary, he turned the eyes of his superiors back in Europe. Muhlenberg had become a missionary bishop, organizing congregations and recruiting pastors for them. In response to his appeal, Halle sent additional pastors, medicine and money to help sustain the ministers and erect both churches and schools. Finally a synod was possible.

(2) By means of journeys up and down the Atlantic seaboard and extensive correspondence, Muhlenberg gained a more intimate and increased knowledge of the Germans in nineteenth century America than any contemporary possessed.

(3) "He was the author of the new liturgy of 1748—a monument of liturgical scholarship. In 1783 he made a suggestion that has been realized in the Common Service" today. For the hymnal of 1786 he wrote the preface, aiding too in selection of the contents.

(4) He cooperated with other pastors in the training of a native ministry, going ahead to purchase ground for a seminary as early as 1749. Aphanage in or near Philadelphia was another of his *pia desideria*.

(5) "He knew how to combine firmness of views and cordiality of friendship towards those of other communities with strict adherence to principles. His sympathies broad enough not shared by everyone in his time or

(6) He preached sometimes in different languages on one Sunday. Great was his zeal for evangelism.

(7) In 1745 he married Anna Weiser, daughter of a well-known Indian interpreter. All three of his

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## CHURCH NEWS FROM HERE AND THERE

### **Lutherans Plan Wells to Fight Stricken India**

Stockholm, Sweden—The Church of Sweden Mission here has launched an appeal for 200,000 Swedish Crowns (approximately \$40,000) to buy mechanical drills for digging of deep wells in drought and famine stricken villages in the districts of the Tamil Lutheran Church in South India, it was announced here.

First response to the appeal has been "encouraging," Svenska Kyrkans Missionstidning, official publication of the mission, added.

A description of the need in South Indian drought stricken areas, the publication pointed out that churches in the United States already sent considerable food shipments to help the suffering people, but said "it was only a drop in the sea."

Nevertheless, the report added, the American shipments "have given courage to those worst stricken, especially the old people who have none to help them, and to the little children in elementary schools."

The report claimed that many villages in the districts of the Tamil Lutheran Church are "in danger of dying completely" since their shallow wells have dried out.

The Government of India, Svenska Kyrkans Missionstidning said, has not the machinery available for drilling deep wells in these villages since the existing material is fully engaged in efforts to supply water to the villages.

When one well after another dries up, the people are left to find a livelihood elsewhere, and are in many instances driven to begging at railroad stations and the streets of towns, the publication reported.

In several instances Lutheran pastors who visited such villages reported that the congregations had "disappeared" and only a few faithful had remained, living on roots and cactus plants, it added.

The Church of Swedish Mission intends to use deep well drilling machinery first to supply dried out villages with drinking water and later on, as supplies will increase, to irrigate the large commons.

### **Get Prison Sentences for Neglect of School Issue**

Wilmington, Pa.—Four Amish fathers were sentenced to jail here for failing to send their 14-year-old children to school. The day sentences were meted out

to the Amishmen at a hearing before Justice of the Peace Edgar Getz of Blue Ball. They are the first Amish to be jailed since 1950 when sect members from half a dozen school districts were imprisoned. At that time magistrates imposed three-day sentences instead of the five-day maximum provided under the law.

A total of 19 parents—one of them a woman—have been prosecuted to date in a flareup of disagreement over school attendance in Lancaster County. Two paid immediate fines of \$2 and costs, and one sent his child to school. Thirteen more were scheduled for hearings. Similar actions were pending in other districts.

Imprisonment of the four men marked the failure of the latest effort of the Pennsylvania Department of Public Instruction to bring some 40 sect children of 14 and over back to school. None have attended classes since the close of last term.

Most recent plan was to establish an "extra eighth grade" with special teachers to instruct children over 14 whose parents object to their attending high school. Amish officials rejected this on the grounds that a child of 14 should not be in school at all but at home learning the tenets of the Amish faith and the business of farming or housekeeping at the hands of parents.

About 50 members of the Old Order Amish attended the hearing at which the four were sentenced. They heard a spokesman, Aaron Beiler of Salisbury Township, deliver a solemn speech asserting "we contend our cause to be reasonable and just."

"If there is no remedy and protection for these afflicted," he said, "we advise them to accept the penalty in a humble, submissive way, with the words of our Redeemer when He was about to be sentenced: 'Oh my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me except I drink it, Thy will be done.'"

"We love and honor all virtuous persons that differ from us, and hope God will have regard for every such one according to his sincerity," Mr. Beiler said. "We feel obliged to teach our children by doing, teaching them self-support and not to depend on the State for subsidies and pensions, yet pay our taxes and help our neighbors."

### **Anglicans Urge Canadian Wheat For Hungry Nations**

Fort William, Ont.—A proposal that Canada make one tenth of its 1953 wheat available to hungry nations was

approved by the Executive Council of the Church of England in Canada in session here.

Canon R. K. Naylor, of Montreal, sponsor of the resolution, said the plan would bridge the gap between Canada's surplus and the needs of other countries.

Canon Naylor said the government should pay the market price for the wheat and the cost of the plan should be borne by the people of Canada as a "sacrifice on our part."

One delegate estimated one tenth of the wheat crop would be worth \$120,000,000.

### **Dr. Engstrom, Stricken Ill Abroad, Returns Home**

Geneva—Dr. S. E. Engstrom, who was taken seriously ill here early in August, had made such satisfactory progress toward recovery that he could return to the United States by plane on Sept. 25, it was announced at headquarters of the Lutheran World Federation.

Dr. Engstrom, director of the Board of American Missions of the Augustana Lutheran Church, was stricken with a coronary thrombosis while in Switzerland for committee meetings of the World Council of Churches. He entered the hospital on August 14 and was a patient there for a month. His condition showed steady improvement and he was discharged on Sept. 17.

### **L.B.I. Head Resigns**

Dr. Oscar C. Hanson has resigned from his position as president of the Lutheran Bible Institute, effective February 1, 1954 to accept the call extended by the Board of Missions of the Evangelical Lutheran church to become a preaching evangelist of the synod. Under the auspices of the Commission on Evangelism of the ELC, Dr. Hanson will conduct preaching missions throughout the 2,700 congregations of the synod and will also participate in the new Preaching-Teaching-Reaching program of evangelism which is being conducted throughout the church body.

For the past five years, Dr. Hanson has served as president of the Lutheran Bible Institute in Minneapolis and has also supervised the work of the three branch schools in Seattle, New York and Los Angeles. Besides the work of the day schools, Dr. Hanson has also been responsible for the entire program of the Lutheran Bible Institute including the evening classes,



the Home Study Correspondence department, the Psalm of Life radio broadcast, the Bible Conference work and the Mount Carmel summer program. During the past few years, the ministry of LBI has expanded so that by the opening of the new school year in October, there will be twenty-two ordained pastors from five Lutheran synods serving on the faculty of the Lutheran Bible Institute.

### 2,500,000 Copies of Revised Bible Sold

New York—Nearly 2,500,000 copies of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible has been sold since its publication a year ago, it was announced here by Thomas Nelson & Sons, the publishers.

William R. McCulley, president, said that in the history of the publishing industry no other book, fiction or non-fiction, has ever made such a sales record.

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done among the Danes in Canada will have our blessing.

### COLLEGE BOARD MEETING

The regular fall meeting of the Board of Trustees of Dana College and Trinity Seminary will be held October 15 and 16, 9 a.m., at Pioneer Memorial. Any business matters should be referred to President R. E. Morton.

Respectfully submitted,

P. A. Magnussen, Secretary

### Dr. Dell, Editor of Lutheran Outlook, Dies Suddenly

Dr. J. A. Dell of the American Lutheran Church, eminent professor at Capital University, Columbus, Ohio, and veteran editor of the American Lutheran Conference organ **The Lutheran Outlook**, died suddenly on Sept. 19. Dr. Dell was chosen editor when the organ was launched under the name of **Journal of Theology**, and he took over the work on the expanded publication a number of years ago as successor to Dr. E. E. Ryden of the Augustana Synod.

Clifton, Ill., Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Rev. L. M. Nielsen, pastor. Pastor and Mrs. Nielsen and Joel are just back from their vacation and while they were away the congregation under the direction of our chair-

### Canadian Anglican Leaders Oppose Vatican Envoy

Fort William, Ont.—Appointment of a Canadian ambassador to the Vatican was opposed in a resolution adopted here by the Executive Council of the Church of England in Canada.

(In a recent election campaign, Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent said a majority of his cabinet favored the appointment of an envoy to the Vatican but he did not desire to divide the country on the issue. Mr. St. Laurent added he thought the appointment would eventually be made.)

"We desire not to be unfair to our Roman Catholic brethren but we must oppose any policies which we feel are not in the best interests of the Church," said Bishop Frederick H. Wilkinson, chairman of the committee on Protestant-Roman Catholic relations.

Bishop Wilkinson told the Executive Council the purpose of the committee is to provide careful research and if

man, Mr. Leroy Lukow, spent a busy eight days working at the church property. A new roof was put on the church and a cross was placed on the steeple replacing the old weather vane; the church and parish hall were painted; extensive repairs were made on the parsonage, which was also painted; 2000 square feet of new sidewalk made; and odd jobs finished. While this work was going on the ladies of the congregation served dinner and lunch to the many busy workers, the number varying from ten to twenty a day. There still remains the graveling of the parking lot which is expected to be completed in a few weeks.

It has been a long time since there has been any news from Clifton in our church papers. Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Hansen observed their 60th wedding anniversary in December 1952. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Madsen were married 60 years August 26th, 1953. February 12th the Ladies Aid sponsored a very successful ham supper, the net proceeds of which were \$614.80. \$400.00 of this was given to the building fund toward re-roofing of the church. On Pentecost Pastor Nielsen confirmed a class of 4 young people. The first two weeks in June Daily Vacation Bible School was held with an enrollment of 104 children. At least two-thirds of these children came from our Sunday School, the others coming from the other two Protestant churches in Clifton who participated in this joint project. Our own Sunday School enroll-

ment is 103, including teachers. 12th our annual congregational Sunday School picnic was held in village park with a good attendance. On Sunday, July 26th, 8 adults and 10 children were received into membership by confirmation and transfer.

need be concerted action "in regard to any excessive demand or effort of the Roman Catholic Church which is contrary to the spirit of Christian democracy, detrimental to the welfare of the Christian Churches, or an attempt to influence unduly provincial or general governments."

He said that provincial governments were under constant pressure from the Catholic Church either to establish separate schools or increase the grants to those already established.

"In Ontario, British Columbia and New Brunswick it has been necessary to watch this problem with increasing concern," he said. The Executive Council decided to set up a department of promotion at an estimated cost of \$20,000 a year. There was little discussion over this matter as several members declaring it was overdue. The department is to be headed by a public relations executive and its aim will be to promote and publicize the Church's activities.

### ULCA's Youth Group Seeks World Meeting Here in 1957

The possibility of holding an international rally of Lutheran youth in the United States in 1957 will be explored by the Luther League of America, a young people's auxiliary of the United Lutheran Church in America.

Delegates to the league's biennial convention here, August 10-15, adopted a resolution asking the executive committee to "explore the possibility of calling such a rally in conjunction with the scheduled assembly of the Lutheran World Federation in the U. S. next year. In 1952, a world convention of Lutheran youth was held in Hannover, Germany, while the LWF Assembly was in session there.

### Adult Bible Class Material

Board of Parish Education calls particular attention to the adult material provided in the new American Lutheran Uniform Sunday School series, officially adopted by the synod. Although it is designated for a "Parish Class" and is ideally prepared for that purpose, it is wonderfully suitable for individual study and private daily devotions. Being co-ordinated with the church year, it also harmonizes

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# Atlantic District Convention

By Elmer W. Anderson

With soaring temperatures, there was no lack in giving the physical welcome a warm one at the Atlantic District Convention held at Hartwick College, Oneonta, New York, September 3-6, 1953, with St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Laurens, New York, as host. As the guests arrived, a committee from the host congregation did not spare themselves in assuring the guests not only that the extremely warm weather was an indication of a warm welcome, but in heart and spirit the welcome was genuine. The convention guests were comfortably housed in the dormitories of the college. Breakfast and lunch were served in the college cafeteria.

The opening service was held Thursday evening, with Pastor Viggo J. Petersen, District President, preaching the sermon. The host Pastor C. C. Kloth conducted the liturgical service. Following the opening service the District President declared the convention officially opened in the Name of the Triune God. A very cordial welcome was extended by the host pastor. Dr. Ritchie, President of Hartwick College spoke graciously in words of welcome to the guests, and expressed an equally grateful welcome on behalf of the entire College administration, at the same time offering the facilities of the College to the convention.

## Business Meetings

Sufficient to mention a few of the items of business. There has been considerable interest throughout the District for the Program of Evangelism initiated by the District Board a year ago. Educational material has been sent to all of the congregations in the District. The convention commended the District Board for this excellent work, and requested the program be continued.

Bethany congregation in Boston, Mass., has been confronted with the problem and cost of relocation. Pastor Arthur J. Becker, who is serving Bethany while pursuing graduate work at Boston University, gave an enlightening report on the present situation and some of the possibilities of areas for relocation. The convention allocated \$500.00 for further study of suitable areas toward possible relocation.

The District President announced in his report initial steps had been taken by some of the members of Salem Lutheran Church, Brooklyn, New York, in survey of an area on Long Island, adjacent to New York City. \$100.00 was set aside for further study of this field as a possible District Mission.

Thanks were expressed to Almighty God for His Grace and Mercy toward us as individuals and District. Dedicated friends were remembered with special thanks to them. Individually we are instruments or channels, fully committed, through which God prospers His Kingdom.

The Atlantic District and the Eastern Extension of the Lutheran Bible Institute have been working in conjunction in the Bible Camp movement, particularly at Lake Umbagog, New Hampshire. This arrangement has

been fruitful, and its continuance was encouraged by the convention.

Not much change was made in the District Board. Pastors Viggo J. Petersen and Eric Christensen, together with Mr. Howard Petersen, President, Secretary and Treasurer respectively were each elected for a two year term, a year ago. Pastor Vilhelm Beck, who has served faithfully for a number of years on the District Board declined renomination. Pastor Elmer W. Anderson was elected vice president. Mr. Waldo Smith, Trustee incumbent was reelected. The latter two for a two year term.

## Inspirational Services

The District W.M.S., had as their guest speaker, Friday evening, Miss Ruth Christenson, of New York City, representing The Christian Approach to the Jewish People. The Jews are in all of the principal cities of our country. They are in practically every country of the world. Frequently when reference is made to the Jewish people the term "The Jewish Problem" is used. In proportion, only a fraction of a thought is given to: "The Christian Approach to the Jewish People." Miss Christenson skillfully challenged her audience to that approach. She also sang beautifully two solos.

Devotional Services were conducted Friday and Saturday mornings by Pastors Arthur J. Becker and Vilhelm Beck, in that order. Saturday afternoon Pastor Eric Christensen gave a stimulating introduction to the District's topic: "The Atlantic District, Success or Failure." A discussion has the ideal as its objective, which in some instances may seem so distantly removed, however, when a discussion provokes some serious self-examination it becomes fruitful.

The Communion Service was held Saturday evening, and became such a vital part of the convention when delegates, pastors and members of the host congregation experience and participate in, in such a real sense, that part of our Christian Faith: "I believe . . . in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins." The confessional message was given by Pastor Elmer W. Anderson, who also assisted the host Pastor C. C. Kloth with the Communion Service.

At the Sunday morning Worship Service, Pastor Eric Christensen delivered the message. The Luther Leaguers had charge of the Sunday afternoon services when Pastor Elmer W. Anderson spoke. The host Pastor delivered the concluding message Sunday evening, whereupon the District President closed the Convention in the Name of the Triune God.

The number of delegates was not large, but there was an underlying spirit that could be sensed: "This is the Lord's Business." "This particular corner of His Vineyard has been entrusted to us. We will gladly do His bidding." The members of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church and their Pastor are particularly to be commended. Their congregation does not number many, but they did their part magnificently. Thanks to all of you!



## Iowa District W.M.S.

By Mrs. Lewis Johansen

The 17th annual business session of the Iowa District Women's Missionary Society met as guests of Exira Lutheran Church Saturday afternoon, September 12 with 44 voting members and many others in attendance. The meeting was called to order by the president, Miss Ella Christensen.

Rev. K. R. Jensen, Viborg, South Dakota, spoke a few words in behalf of the South American mission, reminding us that greetings were always an inspiration to missionaries when far away from home and that in the allocation of money gifts we could remember the new church in Bogota needed furnishings and also that the mission general fund could always use replenishing.

Mrs. George Pallesen introduced Miss Palma Pedersen who had given twenty-five years of loyal and blessed service as matron of the orphanage in Elk Horn. Mrs. Clarence Jensen presented Miss Pedersen with a corsage to honor the occasion.

The secretary's report was read and approved. Financial reports for the past year were distributed. The auditors: Mrs. Ingwardt Hansen, Mrs. Louis Christensen reported they had audited the treasurer's books and found them correct.

Mrs. Pallesen stressed all dues should be sent to her and not to synodical treasurer and that any extra donations would always be accepted gratefully.

St. Mark's Guild, Storm Lake, was welcomed as a new member to our Iowa District W.M.S.

A possible change in circuits was announced by the president. Cedar Falls wished to join circuit 4 with Coulter, Humboldt, Rutland, etc.; Des Moines, circuit 6 with Exira, Audubon, etc.

The afternoon's offering was announced to total \$144.50. Budget Committee: Mrs. Arthur Mumm, Jacksonville; Mrs. Dave Thomsen, Spencer; Mrs. Chris H. Jensen, Audubon, recommended the afternoon's offering and the W.M.S. share of the evening offering be apportioned as follows: One-third to Hospital fund in Sudan;

one-third to new mission building fund, Storm Lake; one-third to Iowa Lutheran Welfare.

Moved by Mrs. V. R. Staby and seconded that we apportion \$500.00 as our 1954 project as follows: one-third—Lutheran Welfare of Iowa; one-third—Foreign Missions to be used as recommended by the foreign mission board one-third—Dana college, furnishings for girls dormitory. This motion was carried.

An amendment to increase the \$500.00 to \$600.00 for the special project of year, was adopted.

Mrs. Dave Thomsen expressed her personal appreciation for the mixer presented to the Okoboji Bible Camp by the Iowa W.M.S.

Notes of appreciation from the Bible School board for the check of \$300.00 and from St. Mark's Guild, Storm Lake, for the donation of \$71.30, were acknowledged.

Mrs. Clarence Jensen asked that we give thought in the coming year to having as a special project the support of a missionary, as other W.M.S. groups are doing, and increasing our dues from 50 cents to \$1.00.

Election had the following results: Mrs. Irving Petersen elected president; Mrs. Lewis Johansen elected secretary.

Mrs. Galvin, Storm Lake, expressed gratitude for the interest shown in the mission work at Storm Lake.

It was decided that a love gift be given Palma Pedersen, amount to be decided by the executive board. (\$25.00 was the amount).

A rising vote of thanks was given Ella Christensen for her service while in office.

Meeting adjourned with prayer by Mrs. F. O. Lund.

Mission Night Service, Saturday, Sept. 12, 1953 with Rev. K. R. Jensen presiding. The speaker was Mr. Donald Wahlgren on "Furthering the Gospel in Sudan, Africa." A film, scenes from Sudan mission, was presented.

Offering for the evening service totaled \$121.28.

We were happy to share these days of fellowship in the Lord with our Exira friends. May God bless our efforts in the coming year.

### THE CHURCH ON THE FRONT LINE

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often the turning point from despondency and plans for suicide to new hope and new life.

And the kitchens in our Bahnhofsmissionen, outposts of the church on the front line, go confidently on preparing meals every day; taking big heaps of beans and flour out of bags; cooking huge kettles filled with delicious soup; dissolving large quantities of powdered milk; adding a handful of sugar here and there where it is needed—always intent on fulfilling their purpose: feeding the hungry who come to the door.

These faithful church workers trust implicitly that the hands from across the sea which are supplying them with these nourishing gifts will not grow weary, but will continue to carry out Our Lord's command. They believe firmly that "the jar of meal shall neither be exhausted, nor the cruse of oil fail."

### PATRIARCH OF AMERICAN LUTHERANISM

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distinguished themselves as patriots and leaders. Peter, the oldest, became a major general in Washington's army; Frederick, the first Speaker in the

Congress of the United States; Ernest a botanist with the reputation of being the American Linnaeus.

The life motto of Muhlenberg was **Ecclesia plantanda**. "The church must be planted." God be praised for one who succeeded as well as he did in planting the church of Jesus Christ.

—Evangelize

### PACIFIC DISTRICT W.M.S.

Women's Missionary Society of the Pacific District convenes in Petaluma, California, October 15, 1953. Business meeting is at 1:30. Delegates and visitors are invited. Send or bring registration to Mrs. Ingvard Olsen, 44 Royal St., Eugene, Oregon.



# Neither Race nor Clan

New Racial Approach by Lutheran Church

By Ervin E. Krebs  
National Lutheran Council

"That's your concern—not mine!" This was the answer of a churchman a few years ago when he was asked for an opinion about mission opportunities in Negro neighborhoods of his city.

There ever was a general attitude that the evangelization of minority groups was not the concern of the church-at-large but the sole responsibility of certain committees or boards, then this attitude is changing. More and more church people are realizing their mission-responsibility to **all** people—including the Negro. In the Lutheran circles there is an ever greater emphasis on such things as: "In Christ there is neither race nor clan . . . ." "We must be concerned about all people . . . ." "We must plan and work together that somehow the Gospel be brought to all fellow Americans." Examples of this new concern and co-operation have been in striking evidence during the past months.

## A Racial Institute

The American, Augustana, Evangelical and United Lutheran Churches co-operated in bringing their missionaries in predominantly Negro or interracial communities to a Division-sponsored Mission Institute at Camp Waukegan, Syracuse, Indiana, July 13-17. The institute was held for the same considerations as those at similar meetings of home missions pastors throughout the nation. "The motives, message and methods in American missions."

After four days of most profitable discussions and fellowship with other home missionaries, church executives, guest lecturers, the N.L.C. pastors working in predominantly Negro or interracial communities held a special conference of three days' duration sponsored by the Division Sub-committee on church work in Negro Interracial Communities.

Forty-five pastors and church workers interested in the phase of Kingdom work remained for a thorough consideration of special problems and opportunities in their respective fields. The church bodies represented were the American, United, Augustana and Evangelical Lutheran Churches.

The Conference, first of its kind as far as these church bodies are concerned, were of inestimable value in bringing together missionaries from all parts of the nation. It was the interest of its participants in sessions of two-to-three-hour duration without interruption.

## "The Church and Her Ministry"

The theme of the special conference was "The Church and Her Ministry" with such considerations as:

The Lutheran Church:

1) A Teaching Church

- 2) A Confessing Church
- 3) A Worshiping Church
- 4) A Serving Church

## II. The Pastor:

- 1) Prepares Himself for His Calling and for Each Task
- 2) Devotes His Life to Christian Service
- 3) Plans and Organizes His Work—Assumes Responsibility and Manages the Affairs Entrusted to Him
- 4) Leads His Congregation

Among the questions of the discussion periods, attention was given to:

How Can a Parish Worker Be Used to Best Advantage by a Congregation?

What Can Be Done to Find More Prospects for the Ministry?

What is the Place of a Pastor's Wife in the Program of the Congregation?

When Segregation Breaks Down, What Then?

How Can Negro and White Work Together Most Effectively in the Church?

## Ask for Negro Spirituals

In discussing the Negro spirituals the Conference passed a resolution suggesting that a few of the best spirituals be included in forthcoming hymnals.

Dr. H. Conrad Hoyer summed up the purpose of the Conference in the words:

"The Lutheran Church with four centuries of history and background may, in certain parts of the world, take too much for granted; as we reach into new areas and make new friends, we need to rethink and restate our principles, teachings, emphases and approaches. This, in part is the purpose of our coming together."

Although the Conference was interracial and intersynodical in nature, there was no evidence of this in the presentations and discussions provided by pastors on the fields.

Whether church work or the race question was discussed, the conclusions were, "We must walk hand in hand as Christian brethren if a strong Church is to be built to the glory of God."

## Conferences in the South

Another indication of co-operation and concern was in evidence as pastors and a deaconess of two church bodies gave Christian instruction and guidance to a group of 75 young people and other visitors at the annual Bible Camp, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, during the last week in June. The camp is a part of the educational program in the South under the direction of Pastor David Conrad, educational secretary.



A Sunday School Teachers' Conference was scheduled for September in Montgomery, Alabama, while the subcommittee and other interested church executives from the North and South will meet in Jackson, Mississippi, to give consideration to plans and strategy for expanding work in the South.

These are not the only signs of concern and hope. Mission boards and their executives are watching with keen interest and are co-operating with existing congregations in changing communities on the East and West Coasts and the industrial areas of the Great Lakes Region. Their search is for men willing and able to meet challenging opportunities; their prayers can be summarized in the words "God give us men—for a time like this . . ."

### Pioneers in the Procession

In New York, Brooklyn and Chicago, Pastors Schrodter, Techman, Dugan and Philip Johnson are among the first pioneers in their approach to changing communities. Former church members have moved or are moving to new localities and new neighbors of another color become their friends and parishioners. With new meaning these pastors and their congregations are singing: "But the Church of Jesus constant shall remain."

In Philadelphia, Cleveland and Toledo, congregations have relocated while mission boards have called Pastors Dixon, George and Youngblood to continue the Gospel ministry in the respective communities.

The question is often raised: "Is this a policy of the Church in every instance?" The question cannot be answered with a "yes" or "no." By its very nature the Lutheran Church works by giving direction—not orders.

### Policy of Mission Boards

The mission boards naturally are desirous of continuing the ministry of the Church wherever it is needed. In case there are no plans for relocation, the Church will continue its ministry wherever existing congregations co-operate and are willing to make their places of worship available for an inclusive program. In cases of relocation Lutheran mission boards are inclined to continue the ministry of the Church in buildings dedicated to the service of Christ—if the congregation is willing to make the facilities available at a reasonable price, if funds and pastors are available at the time of the negotiations.

Mission boards are willing to revitalize church or missionary programs in changing communities, to open new missions in North and South as men and means become available; congregations are inviting new neighbors into membership; but even this does not constitute the whole story. Colleges and seminaries are co-operating by recruiting and training pastors and church workers. Lutheran pastors in large congregations, as in Blue Island, Illinois and near Leesville, South Carolina, take time in their busy schedule to conduct branch Sunday school and services in neighboring communities.

A new day has dawned for the Lutheran Church in Negro and interracial communities. Realizing that Christ there is neither race nor clan, the Church is concerned to build **enduring temples—not temporary tabernacles** in communities.

People may come and go, "but the Church of Jesus constant shall remain"—in her service to **all people**.

—The Lutheran Companion

### The Big Bad Bishop and the Strawberry Blonde

We don't know whether Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam has the same admiration for the talents of Miss Lucille Ball which wells up within us whenever she appears on TV. (She's even better in technicolor movies.) If so, his enthusiasm may be somewhat tempered by reflecting on the differing treatment accorded a Hollywood star and a bishop when that scourge of subversives, the Honorable Donald L. Jackson of Santa Monica, California, gets on the trail. Our readers are familiar with the way in which Congressman Jackson treated the bishop. We provoked the greatest demonstration of applause given by the House of Representatives during its recent session by excoriating the bishop as a man who "served God on Sunday and the Communist front for the rest of the week." When the bishop demolished the "evidence" on which this shameful accusation was based and demanded an apology from Mr. Jackson, none was forthcoming. Slander, so long as it had been committed under the protection of congressional immunity and against a bishop of a Christian church, mattered nothing to him. But Mr. Jackson, in prosecuting the work of the House committee on un-American activities, has recently been operating

on his home grounds. Then it came out that Miss Ball, America's top television sweetheart, had actually signed as a Communist voter in 1936 (there were photostats that her whole family had registered as Communist; that she had been named for a time as a member of the California state central committee of the Communist party; and that she signed a sponsoring certificate for a Communist candidate for the California legislature. She did not deny these charges; she simply explained that she had done so "because grandpa wanted us to." Here was an admitted instance of Communist affiliation—quite a contrast to the unsubstantiated innuendoes in the case of Bishop Oxnam. How did Mr. Jackson proceed? Instantly he assured the press that Miss Ball had meant nothing by her actions and that so far as the un-American activities committee was concerned she was entirely in the clear! Would his treatment of Bishop Oxnam's request for an apology have been different (1) the bishop had an \$8 million contract from a television network, (2) was one of Hollywood's most valuable properties, (3) lived in Southern California, and (4) the better part of the nation was taking the evening off one a week to cry "I Love Bromley!"?—Christian Century



## BY THE FIRESIDE

### LORD JESUS, HEAR ME WHEN I PRAY

By Oliver Everette

Lord Jesus hear me when I pray,  
Take my sin and guilt away,  
And teach me what to do and say  
On earth and in the realms above.

Thy praise and blessing overflow  
Thy heart and touch some other soul  
That he may also learn to know  
Thy mercy and Thy tender love.

Like Thou my life and let it be  
A living sacrifice to Thee,  
That I may teach the blind to see  
Thy vision splendid from above.

For lo, my life is spent in vain  
I'm seeking other gain;  
In every sorrow, joy, and pain  
Increase in me true Christian love.

### "IHS"—A VITAL TRUTH

By John Fuller

Mrs. Winthrop was one of those that were held to be "good livers," who went to church with moderate frequency, a good, wholesome woman. She was drawn strongly toward Silas Turner because of his sorrow and sorrows, and soon presented herself at his cottage with a little comfort in the shape of a basket of lard cakes, covered by a white cloth. "There's letters picked on 'em," said Dolly. "I can't read 'em myself, and there's nobody, not even Mr. Macey himself, rightly knows what they mean; but they've a good meaning, for they're the same as the pulpits cloth at church. It's a lump as has been in our house, Ben says, ever since he was a little 'un, and his mother used to put it on the cakes and I've always put it on, too, for there's any good, we've need of it in this world."

"'I.H.S.,' said Silas, reading the letters on the cakes. Like the overtones in a once-struck bell, she continued to echo her own words, yet Silas was "dreadfully unconscious of any distinct benefit toward which cakes and the letters could tend for him."

There must have been a time, perhaps when they first appeared on the pulpits cloth, when the meaning of the letters was understood by everybody who saw them. At that time they fulfilled their purpose. But the letters

became familiar and unnoticed, their meaning forgotten, and they became "something with a good meaning" because they were in the church.

Silas needed the message more than the cakes or the comfort. He had lost his faith in God a long time ago and now saw even men as his enemy. But the message was lost because it was no longer taught.

Silas is typical of a world of folk today. In his book, **English Life and Leisure**, B. Seebohm Rowntree informs us of the crowds to whom religion means nothing, who ignore the church and, even if they have been interested, plead "no time for such things now." The huge fabric of religious organization is viewed as something very "good," but all ambiguous and unpalatable.

Christ is the only attraction we need for the church, but he does need interpretation. Certainly by "good living," but also by complete understanding and being able "always to give an answer to every man that asketh you for a reason of the hope that is in you."

IHS, "Jesus hominum Salvator"—Jesus Saviour of Men—is the message, and the hope. For the thief on the cross, who understood and recognized the purpose of Christ's life, and for all who will come to him, He is Jesus, the Saviour of Men.—**International War Cry**.

### "THESE THREE"

In the lone places of my soul,  
The far dim depths where none  
can see,  
I hear a little singing bird,  
For Faith has come to live with me.  
And o'er the dimness of my way  
The vast, gray reaches of life's sea,  
There lies a trembling shaft of light,  
For Hope has drifted in to me.  
And, in this wintry house of mine,  
Where grief and gloom at home  
would be,  
A tender hand has lit a fire,  
For love has come to stay with me.

—Margaret Matthews

### GRACE FOR THE HIGHWAYS

Lloyd Douglas tells of the man who was taking driving instructions in the countryside. Within an hour, he had

learned to start the car, go forward, back steer reasonably well, and so on, so he concluded that driving was easy.

Then his mentor suggested that they go over to the highway where the driving was wild. The new driver plunged into the traffic. After a little, he got out on a side road. He mopped his brow, saying, "If it were not for these other people." Yes, that is one big trouble. In perhaps three-fourths of the accidents, "other people" are involved. We cannot have the highway without them. We must take it with them and get along with them.

It is just so with Christian life. We are not hermits, and we do not live as Robinson Crusoe. We live right here with "these people" in our homes, the office, the store, the school, the factory, and other places. If the grace of God works, it must work in human relations. So, regardless of "these people" and all their failures and blame-worthiness, we must be Christian.

The highest and most useful piety is not developed and lived in a convent or a monastery, but out on the "highway" of life. God will give to us grace for this also.—**Free Methodist**.

Magnate (to poor suitor): "Young man, do you know how I made my money?"

Young Man: "Yes, but I can't permit that to stand in the way of Muriel's happiness."

First Bride: "I've got my husband where he eats out of my hand."

Second Bride: "Saves a lot of dish washing, doesn't it?"

"My husband talks in his sleep—does yours?"

"No. He's terribly annoying—he just chuckles."

A man walked out of a hall where a speaker was addressing a meeting. Someone in the corridor asked him if the speaker had finished his speech. He said, "Yes, he finished his speech shortly after he started, but he hasn't stopped talking."



# A Page For Youth...

Homer Larsen, Editor

## Your Mission Is Where You Find It

Mrs. George Pallesen

One would hardly expect to be a missionary in a polio ward. You expect to go far overseas, have many adventures and meet strange and different peoples.

The folks with me in the ward at Sioux City weren't so strange or different—no different from those with whom you live and work and play every day. There is one who stands out in my mind.

One very hot October night Evelyn came into the ward. She was desperately ill with bulbar polio. Nurses never left her alone as she struggled to live and breathe. The doctor came often and was grave and anxious. An oxygen tent helped her to breathe. From a bottle nourishing dextrose flowed into her veins.

After several days of real fighting Evelyn won the battle. We were all interested in each new victim, so began to get acquainted with her as she grew better. Evelyn was about twelve—but very immature for that age. She took no interest in her appearance—that was easily evident. The nurses told of the deplorable condition in which she entered the hospital.

Each Sunday visitors were allowed to see the "polios" as we were called. However, as no one was allowed in the ward, they were forced to talk through tiny basement windows until their loved one was out of isolation—a two weeks period. I was interested in Evelyn's father. He seemed so old for so young a child. Over and over he praised the nurses for the fine work they had done to save his child. I noticed there was no thanks to that greater Power who alone can save.

I wondered about the mother as I did not see her for a long time. I learned only the father had kept vigil during those long doubtful hours when she fought for life.

Gradually Evelyn began to come to my bed and talk. She was not paralyzed except in her throat. She poured out her story to me. Her father and mother quarreled constantly and had been on the verge of separation. Evelyn's illness postponed that for the time being. There was no loving mother's care. She seldom spoke of her. Her life centered around her father. His way of showing affection was to shower her with anything she wanted—much of which Evelyn could better have done without.

Evelyn needed affection and love and came to me for it. I asked her about God to see if she had ever learned of Him. She said she had once gone to a Daily Vacation Bible School.

One night the ward had a hard time settling down. Noise and confusion continued even after the lights were out. Suddenly I thought, "Maybe if we could talk to our God, we could all think more quietly and rest much more peacefully." So I asked them if they'd like to join me in the Lord's Prayer. I began the prayer. Not a sound was heard. Then, here and there, all up and down the long ward I heard voices joining me.

After a few nights I decided maybe one of them would like to lead. So I asked Evelyn if she would. I soon discovered Evelyn did not know our Lord's Prayer. So to cover for her, I spoke just a little louder so that Evelyn could hear me and still feel that she was leading.

One night we were a little slow in getting ready to settle down. Even I was not ready when the lights went out. All at once I heard Evelyn beside me in the dark.

"Aren't we going to say our prayer tonight?"

So each evening we talked to our God. We were not all Lutherans. There were Methodists, Presbyterians, and Catholics. But we talked to the God of all of us.

One Sunday Evelyn asked me if I wouldn't read from my Testament. I had often caught her watching me as I read from it. "We never hear God's word in here," she explained. I asked her what she'd like me to read. But she wanted me to choose. I did as I realized Evelyn was not well acquainted with that Word. I chose one of the Psalms of praise as I wanted her to love them as all Christians do. Each Sunday found us using some of the morning for God's Word.

One day Evelyn asked me to say a table prayer before they went out into the hall to eat. All of those who could walk went to the tables. "We never take time to thank God for our food out there," she said. So whenever we could, we added a table prayer to our days.

Evelyn was recovering rapidly. How much she had for which to be thankful. But—she never once had thought to pray when she was so very ill. It was a real joy to me to know she was beginning to realize His goodness to her.

Evelyn loved to sing. She could have sung from morning until night. But no one cared to have her as notes from a paralyzed throat aren't very melodic. As soon as I could catch the melody she was trying to sing, I'd join her and soon the whole room was warbling. What fun we had during the holidays with the beautiful Christmas carols!

During one of our Sunday "sings," I decided to lead in singing the Doxology. I noticed that Evelyn stopped and looked very puzzled. It was clear that Evelyn had not often been in the house of her God.

One day any effort I had put forth was greatly rewarded. I could see how God had helped along the way. Evelyn came to me and said, "Could I please take your Bible home with me when I go?" I was delighted, I knew then she had realized how much strength it had given me day by day.

I explained that mine was not a Bible but only a Testament with Psalms. I also explained that I was afraid she could not take my Testament as we were not allowed to take paper from the ward due to the danger of carrying polio germs.

She was greatly disappointed. Finally an idea came to me. I told her that if she were really anxious to have a Bible, I'd tell my husband to send her one next time he visited.

When George came I told him about Evelyn and how hungry she was to know more of God and to become a Christian. He sent her a Bible in the next mail.

He soon received a letter from her. Over and over in her childish way she thanked him for it. I, too, received several notes of thanks. One said she took her Bible to bed every night. Starved for love and affection on earth, she found a greater love and closeness to her Father in heaven.

We never know where we can become a witness and missionary for Him. I was given such an opportunity in a polio ward!



## LWR Sets Clothing Appeal for Thanksgiving Week



MAKE YOUR CLOTHING  
SPEAK FOR  
CHRIST

Send your gifts for the needy abroad to your nearest LWR depot, or to

**LUTHERAN WORLD RELIEF**

202 Shafer Avenue Phillipsburg, New Jersey

New York—Lutheran World Relief's annual Thanksgiving Clothing Appeal will be held from November 22 to 29, it was announced here by Bernard A. Confer, administrative secretary of LWR, the National Lutheran Council's material aid agency.

Mr. Confer urged the 10,000 local congregations of the church bodies participating in the National Lutheran Council to make immediate plans for collecting used clothing for the world's needs and to send it to LWR warehouses during Thanksgiving week.

Last year, he said, the Lutherans in America responded to the appeal with enthusiasm and contributed more than two million pounds of clothing at Thanksgiving time.

This, he added, marked a new high for the clothing drive and gave indication of increasing awareness of the importance of these gifts overseas and of the responsibilities Christians bear toward their needy world neighbors.

Conditions in a number of countries in Europe and Asia make another strong appeal for clothing necessary, Mr. Confer emphasized.

"Our brethren in predominantly Lutheran East Germany live under steadily deteriorating circumstances; those who flee to the West must come empty-handed," he said.

"In Korea," the administrative secretary continued, "the cessation of hostilities should bring more opportunities for serving the millions who have endured so much suffering."

He also added that in Jordan and Syria Arab refugees in their tent camps and caves and hovels sorely need that which we have to share."

The theme for the 1953 LWR clothing drive, "Let Your Clothing Speak for Christ," is interpreted in a leaf-

let published here and distributed to all congregations and various church organizations taking part in the nation-wide drive.

"To a refugee in rags your gift of clothing, distributed in the name of Christ, is a powerful witness," the leaflet states. "It tells sorely-trying Christians that their Lord watches over them. Your gift spells out the love of God in a way that needy people can understand—whether they be Moslem, Buddhist or even atheist."

Mr. Confer pointed out that LWR is currently shipping clothing gifts to Germany, Austria, Yugoslavia, Syria, Jordan, Korea, Formosa, and limited amounts for refugees to France and Trieste.

During the twelve months preceding September 1, 1953, LWR shipped a total of 3,457,822 pounds of clothing to needy people abroad, he said.

LWR will receive the anticipated clothing gifts at its main warehouse at Phillipsburg, New Jersey, as well as at the additional warehouses in Los Angeles, California; New Windsor, Maryland; and Oakland, California.

Temporary receiving depots will be open in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and Nappanee, Indiana.

Basically the LWR Thanksgiving clothing drive is to be conducted on a congregational basis, with all the more than 10,000 congregations of the church bodies cooperating in the National Lutheran Council expected to participate.

In addition the clothing drive will be promoted on state or area levels by a number of synods, Lutheran welfare (Continued on page 16)



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Total Budget	Total Received	Children's Homes	School Fund	General Fund	Home Mission	Indian Mission	Utah Mission	Pension Fund
Previously acknowledged	197567.00	15600.00	80000.00	24747.00	36643.00	7650.00	1642.00	31385.00
West Branch, Ia., Bethany Luth. Ladies Aid and W.M.S. in memory of little Sandra Larsen	32773.21	3173.43	11817.60	4204.84	7113.00	2253.97	774.58	3435.73
Viborg, S. Dak., Pastor and Mrs. H. S. Madsen and family of Spring Valley Church in memory of Eric Paulsen, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Paulsen, Pass Lake, Ont., Canada	5.00	5.00						
Waukesha, Wis., Rev. Laurits H. Pedersen	5.00				5.00			
Kenmare, N. Dak., in memory of Soren K. Paulsen of Trinity Church: Efraim Pedersen, Irwin Hansen and Jens Carlsen each \$2, Mrs. Elvina Hermansen \$1	100.00							100.00
Moorhead, Ia., Bethesda Luth. Ladies Aid in memory of Mrs. Lovisa Hansen	7.00				7.00			
Ord, Nebr., in memory of Laurence Loft*	5.00	5.00						
Rockfield, S. Dak., in memory of Mrs. Spencer Emerson of St. Paul's Luth. Church**	10.00				10.00			
Minot, N. Dak., Henry A. Hansen	28.00					5.00	6.00	17.00
Exira, Ia., the Hans Andersen family in memory of Nels K. Petersen	20.00		10.00		5.00			5.00
Cedar Falls, Ia., Nazareth Luth. Church	8.00							8.00
Plainview, Nebr., Bethany Luth. Sunday School, contents of Birthday Bank	175.00	10.00	90.00	25.00	25.00			25.00
Exira, Ia., Mr. and Mrs. Ingward Bro in memory of John Nielsen, Albert Lea, Minn.	13.65	13.65						
Oconto, Wis., Immanuel Luth. Church	2.00		2.00					
	24.87				20.00	4.87		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>33176.73</b>	<b>3207.08</b>	<b>11919.60</b>	<b>4229.84</b>	<b>7185.00</b>	<b>2263.84</b>	<b>780.58</b>	<b>3590.7</b>

\* Ord, Nebr., in memory of Lawrence Loft: Bethany congregation and Ladies Aid \$3, Pastor and Mrs. C. Jeppesen, Chris Johnson, Mrs. Christine Mortensen, Elmer Christensen, Ed Brownell, Jens Hansen and Mrs. Emma Bridge each \$1. Total \$10.00 for Home Mission. The words Mr. and Mrs. were omitted to save space.

Rockfield, S. Dak., in memory of Mrs. Spencer Emerson of St. Paul's Church: C. Wylie and D. Wylie \$3, W. Nygaard and A. Ramsel each \$1. Total \$5.00 for the Indian Mission. H. Madsen, I. Madsen, W. Christensen, P. Nelson, M. Erickson and E. Sweet each \$1. Total \$6.00 for the Utah Mission. H. Jensen, H. Miller, A. Jensen and D. Mynon each \$1, Mrs. A. Johnson, L. Bolnes, L. Swain, H. Wimer each \$2, Glen Wimer and Robert Norwell \$5. Total \$17 for the Pension Fund. Grand total \$28.00.

**SPECIAL MISSIONS**

Total Received	Japan Mission	South Amer. Mission	Santal Mission	Sudan Mission	Jewish Mission	China Mission	L.W.A.	Gen. Fd. Foreign Missions
Previously acknowledged	35330.53	4303.32	4382.95	3418.92	3000.79	230.93	242.00	19720.62
Audubon, Ia., Ebenezer Ladies Aid	30.00			30.00				
Minneapolis, Minn., Immanuel Luth. Mission Society	25.00			25.00				
Pasadena, Calif., Bethany Luth. Sunday School, contents of birthday bank	25.00			25.00				
Oakland, Calif., the Dorcas Society of Our Savior's Luth. Church in memory of Sharon Kay Paulsen	5.00	5.00						
Kenmare, N. Dak., in memory of Soren K. Paulsen of Trinity Church*	52.00	12.00	14.00		26.00			
Salt Lake City, Utah, Tabor Luth. Church	97.00							97.00
Rockfield, S. Dak., in memory of Mrs. Spencer Emerson of St. Paul's Luth. Church**	12.00	12.00						
Exira, Ia., Exira Luth. Sunday School	60.00							60.00
Tilley, Alberta, Canada, J. Viggo Andersen	75.00	25.00	25.00		25.00			
Standard, Alberta, Canada, Andrew Laursen in memory of Mrs. Marius Jensen	5.00	5.00						
Camp Douglas, Wis., St. Stephen's Luth. Church	46.00			46.00				
Owatonna, Minn., Rev. Norlan L. Hansen	5.00	5.00						
Washington Island, Wis., Trinity Luth. Sunday School	11.89		11.89					
Sidney, Mont., Pella Luth. Sunday School	17.90	17.90						
Lake Okoboji, Iowa, offering by the Junior Bible Camp	40.97				40.97			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>35838.29</b>	<b>4385.22</b>	<b>4433.84</b>	<b>3544.92</b>	<b>3092.76</b>	<b>230.93</b>	<b>242.00</b>	<b>19877.62</b>

\* Kenmare, N. Dak., in memory of Soren K. Paulsen. To save space the words Mr. and Mrs. are omitted. Alfred Schweitzer, L. P. Hansen, William Schwabe and Lillian, Marius Martensen each \$1, Martin Christensen and Margaret, T. E. Eckberg each \$2, Leroy Nelson and Otto Nelson \$4. Total \$12.00 for the Japan Mission. Soren Hansen \$5, Nels Lund and Luella, Clarence Lund and Monard Ness \$7, F. G. Kaufer and Mrs. Astrid Barenthsen each \$1. Total \$14.00 for the South American Mission. Martin, Percy and Marlowe Peterson \$15, Laurence Larson and Andrew Lawson each \$5, Clarence Nelson \$1. Total \$26.00 for the Sudan Mission. Grand total \$52.00.

\*\* Rockfield, S. Dak., in memory of Mrs. Spencer Emerson: M. Mortensen and B. Lawrensen each \$1, L. Nissen and H. Nelson \$3, Marie Nelson \$2, J. and R. Wingert \$5. Total \$12.00 for the Japan Mission.

Received with thanks.

Blair, Nebraska, September 30, 1953

H. J. Hansen, Treasurer

**ANOTHER KIND OF FLOOD**

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sands still stagnate in camps and misery.

China—15,000 European Christians—mostly Orthodox, are marooned in China. They may yet be saved but time is short and if nothing is done soon the probability is that they will be forcibly repatriated to Russia or sent to Labor camps in China.

Trieste—4,000 refugees enter their third year of despair.

Middle East—850,000 Arabs for the sixth year linger on in grim poverty and hopelessness pent in their "camps."

S. India—for the sixth successive year the rains have failed. Masses face starvation, the worst for years.

Pakistan—for lack of water, whole Churches face collapse. Only by digging new wells and bringing fresh land under cultivation can starvation be avoided for thousands.

Korea—over 9 million are homeless, destitute and displaced.—**World Christian Digest**



# ADULT BIBLE CLASS MATERIAL

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Sunday worship service, and could be a powerful factor in strengthening the adult education program of churches, which Dr. Feucht deems as an urgent need in his article "New Frontier in the Sept. 21st issue of the Ansgar Lutheran.

## July 700,000 Pounds Shipped in July by LWR

Nearly 700,000 pounds of food, clothing and medical supplies valued at \$200,000 were shipped in July to overseas countries by Lutheran Relief, material aid arm of the National Lutheran Council.

Carl Lorey, assistant administrative secretary, said the July shipments brought the grand total of relief sent abroad since the agency's inception in 1946 to 78.5 million pounds or over 38,000 tons valued at \$70,926.

The largest single recipient of relief in July was Germany, to which was sent food, clothing and bedding valued at a total of \$111,000, Mr. Lorey

added that included in this total a shipment of 510,277 pounds of food valued at \$47,418 sent in response to an urgent request from Berlin for emergency aid.

Other receiving countries in July were Austria, Yugoslavia, Jordan, Indonesia and Japan, Mr. Lorey reported.

LWR, which had ceased relief shipments to Japan some time ago, sent clothing and bedding valued at \$36,000 for distribution among people of Japan's flood-stricken areas, the report explained.

The shipment to Indonesia contained a case of medical instruments and 100 tablets of aspirin, as a gift through the NLC Commission on Foreign Churches and Orphaned Missions, Mr. Lorey said.

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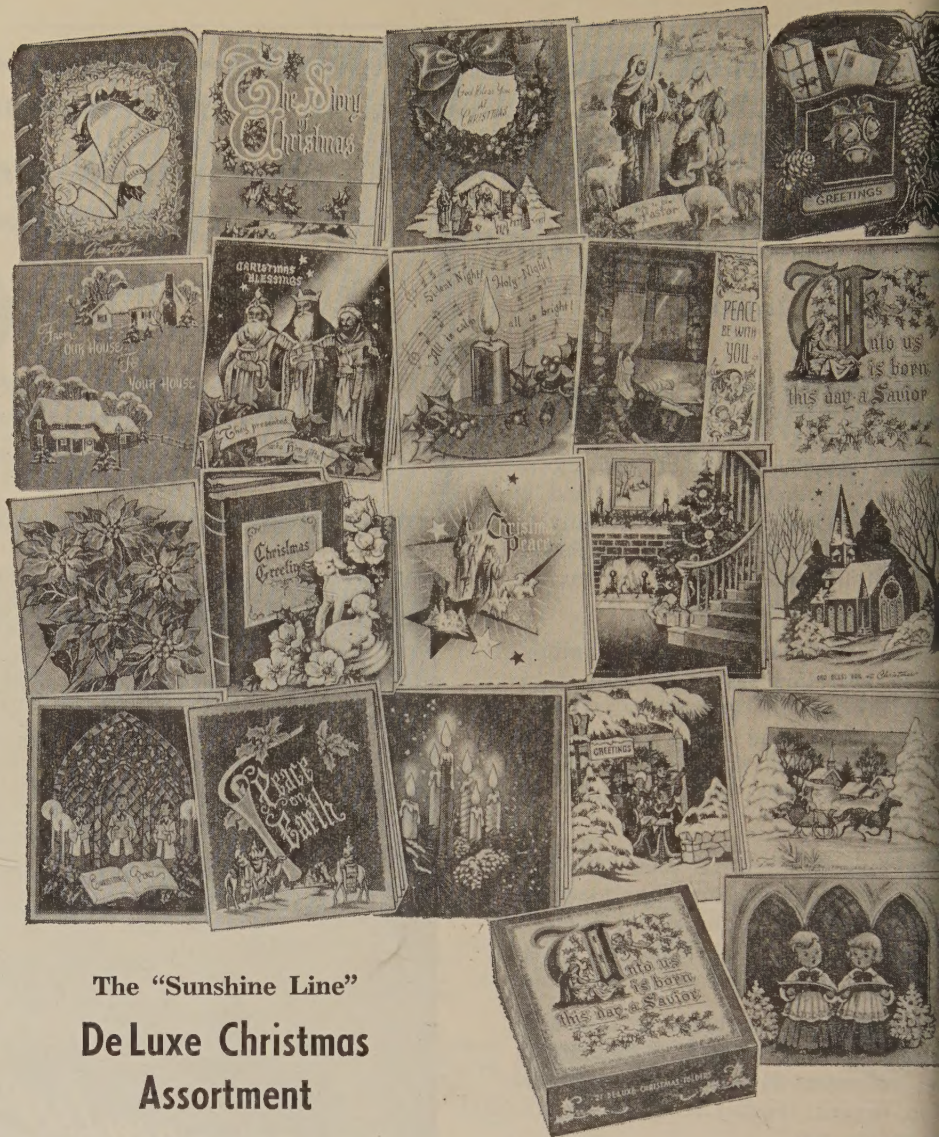
### LWR CLOTHING DRIVE

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societies, pastors' associations and lay groups, Mr. Confer said.

Many of the local groups, he added, are setting up area receiving depots to serve in cooperative efforts to fill carloads with clothing gifts.

Last year's Thanksgiving drive brought a total of 41 carloads of used clothing.



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